CAMPAIGN GATHERS MOMENTUM

Police Raids Fail To Cow People's Spirit

LAST WEEK'S MASSIVE, COUNTRY-WIDE POLICE RAIDS, DESIGNED TO COW THE PEOPLE PREPARING TO TAKE PART IN THE THREE-DAY STOPPAGE STARTING ON MAY 29, HAVE COMPLETELY FAILED IN THEIR OBJECT.

During the week thousands more leaflets advertising the end-of-May demonstrations against the White republic were distributed in all main centres—60,000 by the Coloured People's Congress in Cape Town alone.

On Sunday, at a mass meeting in the Drill Hall, Cape Town, 4,000 Moslems thundered their enthusiastic support for the strike call.

ALL THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT DESPITE EVERYTHING THE AUTHORITIES CAN DO, THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE THE GREATEST, UNITED ANTI-APARTHEID DEMONSTRATION THIS COUNTRY HAS EVER SEEN.

Africans, Coloureds, Malays, Indians and democratic Europeans have pledged to take part.

Many of the members of the former PAC have decided to sink their differences with the former ANC and join in the campaign.

In an editorial the fortnightly journal Contact, formerly hostile to the Maritzburg conference, has heeded the call for unity and de-

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4,000 Moslems Cheer Call For Action

Fantastic Scenes At Drill Hall Meeting

A CALL to support the mass demonstrations on the eve of the republic at the end of this month was greeted with thunderous applause by 4,000 Moslems packed into the Old Drill Hall last Sunday.

As Mr. M. T. Bardien, executive member of the Coloured People's Congress, rose from the body of the hall and walked to the platform to address the meeting, he was greeted with a storm of cheers and handclapping.

"The African people represented at the Maritzburg conference have called on all sections to support the demonstrations against Verwoerd's republic," Mr. Bardien told the crowd. "Let us down tools and stay at home from the 29th of this month."

At this stage Mr. Bardien's words were drowned by the great ovation which arose from the audience. Clenched fists were raised and fezzes waved in the air.

The Drill Hall was packed with people sitting two to a chair, with hundreds lining the walls and squatting in the aisles. Organisers said that this was the first time that the Moslem community had gathered in such numbers to identify themselves with the struggle for freedom and equality for all people.

The meeting had been called by the Claremont Moslem Youth Association, the Muslim Youth Movement, Cape Vigilance Association, Al-Jamia Mosque and other Moslem bodies.

Speakers called on parents not to give permission to schools to issue their children with flags and medals as part of the official republic celebrations.

"Verwoerd has said that he will give no concessions to us 'inferior beings'," Imam A. Haroon said. "But the Koran gives all Muslims the right to stand up and fight. If we sacrifice we will achieve victory."

Mr. M. Booley of the Cape Town Youth Movement condemned a qualified franchise. "We demand one man one vote. Freedom to vote (Continued on page 6)
OUR PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTED

The Mantashe cabi to reject Verwoerd's republic if the Government refused to call a non-racial Convention, especially to the youth of South Africa, that the situation in this country will face the future of this country.

The basic issue is whether we are prepared to separate ourselves from the white supremacist further unfettered freedom to force slavery on our people. The Government will call no such Convention. Police leave will be cancelled. Sacarans will be alerted and the army must. But the people will be calm and non-violent.

The Communists will be blamed against the ANC. Everyone makes place be ANC. Bishop Hurley will also be called aCommunist.

Not has the unity of all the oppressed been so indisputable. We must all be calm and go to the people—in the trains and beer halls and in the churches and their homes.

GOVT. PROVOKING VIOLENCE

The Government is threatening to mobilize the mass demonstrations on the eve of the republic with satanic violence and blood charges. It associates the disagreement with the South African and some Transvaal schools with the impeding demonstrations to justify its bloodshed.

As before, it will provoke quiet, peaceful demonstrations under the pretext of averting an ugly situation. These threats are ‘untimely prod' and may be the panic-stricken as it realises that all demonstratives have joined hands in this protest.

The Africans welcome with open hearts those who have identified themselves with their struggle and the ANC in particular. Those who hold themselves aloof from politics must wake up from their dreams. I refer particularly to the Chinese people in South Africa. It's time they stopped wool-gathering with the liberatory movement. AWAKE

NATS MUST COME TO TERMS

I call for caution when mass action against the Nationalists to realise the situation. Most of our people are tired of the war and not anti-white or anti-anybody. Disciplined mass action can only lead to tragedy. South Africa will lose this war.

Strong contingents of police and the army are being organised before the dates. If you demand freedom, they will-called a community and if you demand liberty you are charged with high treason. If you oppose the Nats, you are deported and banned.

Every inch of liberty is denied at present.

Events in Africa make it imperative for the Nationalists to realise this situation. We must come to terms with the forces of liberation and not to put the brave leaders and not the Bantu steers.

Only in this way will we live a better existence.

The reason why Dr. Verwoerd and Co. are not prepared to negotiate with the true African leaders is that the Nats are so conditioned and indoctrinated in their fear of and aversion to Africans, that they are only prepared to tolerate an association of master and servant.

Perhaps it is not entirely fair to blame the Nats for their attitude. They acquire it by having it drummed into them, directly and indirectly, a hundred times a day.

One cannot blame a man with malaria for running a temperature. We must try to find a remedy. This is exactly what the Nats should be thinking about now.

Down with Bantuism and the exploiting of the people of one country is one and the same. It is our struggle against Imperialism.

In war, the South Africans have not reached a stage where we can allow Natives to have any say in the war. We must insist on the withdrawal of all camp ras at the borders. This is the only way to ensure the safety of all South Africans.

With the end of this war, the Nats will be forced to adopt a policy of non-violence.

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The lesson of Cuba

The defeat of the Batista regime by the Cuban people, led by Fidel Castro, marked the end of 400 years of oppression in Cuba and nearly 100 years of struggle against the imperialists, directed by Spain and then by America.

The Yankee imperialists who have identified themselves with the situation in Cuba for the last 75 years are now seeing the day of their rebirth. It is now time for them to re-impose their will on the Cubans.

The struggle of the Cubans and the will of the people of one country is one and the same. It is our struggle against Imperialism.

South African democrats should show solidarity with the Cubans, as well as study the situation carefully; we have vitally important lessons to learn and exploit.

I would say that the most important lesson we can learn from Cuba is the following:

1. The Western powers can only enjoy "democracy" at home by pursuing a policy of fascism in their colonies and "spheres of influence".

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3. If an ex-colony tries to get true political and economic independence, the only way he can do this is to resist the exploitation of the last century.

No Great Powers are to be trusted.

5. The only true friends of colonies are divided in full independence - the Socialist countries.

In WarMBathS

The press has steadily increased the propaganda against the Nationalists and against the anti-African policies of the Government. The Government has spent a lot of money on propaganda in order to create a false impression of the situation.

The answer to Verwoerd

In preparation for the end-of-May demonstrations against the Verwoerd regime, the Government last week ordered the most widespread raids ever conducted by the police in this country. Thousands of homes were entered and ransacked in a paramilitary operation casually dismissed by the police chiefs as routine.

IT IS INDEED ROUTINE—THE ROUTINE OF THE POLICE STATE.

The raids were followed two days later by Verwoerd's statement in the House of Assembly that he had received an "arrest warrant" signed by the Afrikaner government to call a multi-racial convention. He had sent no reply to the letter, and it is clear the Government intends to force its White republic down the throats of the majority of the population at gunpoint.

Who's arrogant—the man who sends a letter asking for talks, or the man who throws it into the waste-paper basket? Even Dr. Malan, when he was premier, had the courtesy to reply to the letter sent to him by the organisers of the Defiance Campaign asking for the repeal of unjust laws. But such courtesies are evidently not to be expected from the latter-day upholders of White civilisation." Like Sergeant Arolow, they only talk to "Kaffirs." The purpose of last week's raids was two-fold:

(a) to fish for information, and
(b) to intimidate.

Neither object has been fulfilled. No information of any underground activities has been found, nor has the universal reaction to the raids been one of indignation that the right to demonstrate against Government policies should be so crudely taken away.

Nevertheless, it should not be thought that the Government will now sit back and wait until the end of the month before doing anything more.

If past patterns are anything to go by, the raids may be followed by further unrest and if the General Laws Amendment Bill at present before Parliament becomes law, arrests can be turned into preventive detention without bail for up to 12 days.

The Government may even be sufficiently frightened of the people's power to declare an outright state of emergency under the Public Safety Act and rule by decree as they did last year.

The people must prepare themselves for all eventualities. The overwhelming majority, who have no say in government, have an absolute right to protest against the inauguration of a White republic based on the principle of taxation without representation.

Neither Government threats nor police intimidation will prevent them from voicing that protest when the time comes.

IN WARMBATHS

"We have not reached a stage where we can allow Natives to rule and dictate to us. This is not the Congo, it is a White area administered by Whites and this must be made clear.

So spoke Mr. M. W. van Coffer, manager of WarMBathS Native Affairs Department and former accused under the Immorality Act, in reply to the demand of the African people that he should be removed from control over them. Mr. van Coffer, it should be understood, was merely echoing the sentiments of Dr. Verwoerd, who also believes that no concessions must be made to Africans because they will be interpreted as a sign of weakness.

The result of the Van Coffer-Verwoerd "granite wall" policy?

A total strike of the African labour force in WarMBaths, a riot, two killed and many injured by police bullets, increased race hatred and a whole crop of accused before the courts on charges ranging from murder to the very much like the Congo.

And in the end Van Coffer had to be suspended anyway while an inquiry was instituted by the BAD and de Net took over. They did not think about the matter and work out some way of saving face.

It is as clear as daylight that "granite wall" policies, far from being effective, merely provoke the violence they are supposed to prevent. Had the Africans had any say in the way they are governed from the people who live there, they would not have done anything.

White South Africa, take your choice. You can have it the WarMBaths way, or you can choose the path of negotiation and peace. The result is the same either way, but the difference in costs is enormous.

WHICH IS IT TO BE?
To Make Their Republic A Success, the Nats are

BULLYING NON-WHITE CHILDREN

Attempts to Drag Schools into Celebrations

JOHANNESBURG.

Non-white ministers of religion, teachers and school children have been asked to cooperate with the authorities to keep the birth of the republic a glorious occasion.

Ministers have been asked to hold church services on May 31, in order to keep the people away from the police stations, and to explain the republic to the children and to speak about it in glowing terms.

The children will have a two-week holiday—May 30-31— but will be required to go to school for an hour on May 30, in order to watch the hoisting of the republican flag and listen to a speech on the republic and a prayer.

NO CLEANSERS

The circular to the schools states that a European from the Department will be sent to the schools.

Under no circumstances, the teachers have been told, must the flag be hoisted by a cleaner because a cleaner has no reverence.

It is, however, clear who is going to hoist the flag: but popular opinion among the teachers is that it will be hoisted by the White representatives who will go to school on May 30. They may also make the presentation of medals to the schoolchildren.

A DILEMMA

Both the ministers and the teachers find themselves in a great dilemma. "What can I do?" asked an African minister of religion. "The Government expects me to use my influence to make my congregation from taking part in the proposed demonstrations and instead ask them to come and pray."

But most of the teachers are visionaries and they feel that the teaching of Christ, and if one couldn't put it in practice, that the teachers among the churches were not prepared to talk. To teachers too feel very concerned about the teachers and the children.

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WALLS HAVE EARS

Teachers too feel very concerned but few are prepared to talk. To them with a terrible way, in fact even the open air is held with suspicion. But one teacher said: "It is a curse to be in an African country, so have many forces against you."

The Bantu Education Department is suspicious of all teachers, are the parents and even the children don't take everything we say for granted.

High school children interviewed say they don't see why they must go to school for an hour merely to witness the hoisting of a republican flag. Some of the children have to spend money and travel up to 25 miles for this event.

The Bantu radio announcers are already making propaganda as to what the parents and children will be expected to do on the day of the republic. But for the first time the announcers are careful to make it clear that the people are not forced to do these things, only "requested."

PEOPLE ANGERED BY POLICE RAIDS

THOUSANDS of police took part in the military-style raids on the homes and offices of thousands of opponents of Government policy in all corners of the Union and South West Africa last week.

Here are a few highlights from the raids:

Johannesburg:

Searches were conducted mostly by uniformed police, who did not seem to know what they were looking for. Hours were wasted; children woken from their beds with their parents watching the police painstakingly reading documents which had nothing to do with the search warrants.

In some houses, especially those of Africans, however, the raids were more systematic, and pile upon pile of printed matter—copies of New Age, the Sunday Times, the Freedom Charter, pictures of Luthuli or copies of Hamsard were taken away.

In one flat in Johannesburg, the police opened a cupboard to find two Non-Whites, one African and one Coloured standing rigidly, side by side. One of them was encased in a sleeping bag. The police telephoned Col. Spengler wanting to know whether they should take these two persons to the police station. Apparently Col. Spengler told them that this was not what they were sent to look for.

After a multi-racial party these two men had been spending the night with a White friend.

In another White flat in town, the detective found a list of metaphysical poets belonging to some drama students. He wanted to know who these people were. Still searching he came across a book by D. H. Lawrence. He told the owner of the book confidentially that he had read a book by Lawrence, "It was Mrs. Chatterley's Lover, and a really dirty book."

Port Elizabeth:

Hundreds of police and Special Branch who massed on Tuesday afternoon at vintage cars swooped on the African townships in the Eastern Cape as well as on a number of political organizations, including the former executive of the banned ANC, ex-detainee.

Mr. Mabimba, assistant member Standholders' Association, Mr. Issak Bouman, Assistant Secretary Standholders' Association and Location Advisory Board, Mr. Chritmas Maseti, Chairman Standholders' Association, Mr. Isaac Mansell, Assistant Secretary Standholders' Association, a member of the Location Advisory Board.

Port Elizabeth:

The houses of the following Africans were raided: Mr. Morcken Phelane, Secretary Standholders' Association, member of the Location Advisory Board, and ex-detainee. Some documents were taken. Mr. Ben Mono, executive member of the Location Advisory Board, former executive of the banned ANC, ex-detainee.

Mr. Mabimba, assistant member of the Location Advisory Board.

Rev. M. P. Mofolo, of the AME Church, who has recently come to Transvaal.

W. Transvaal:

In a rural town, 70 armed uniformed police surrounded the house of one Indian businessman during a search. In Schweizer Reinecke, 30 armed police surrounded the house of Mr. S. Kathrada (brother of Mr. A. M. Kathrada, banned former National Chairman of the S.A. Indian Youth Congress and former Unionist racial)

Not BROKENSTEIN:

The homes of a number of labourers were raided. Contrary to the apparent practice elsewhere, belongings were thrown out of the homes by the raiders and complaints were made to the Transvaal that the sums of money had been stolen by some of the raiders.

Durban:

The removal of friends and colleagues on the part of the police could sweeten the bitter pill of a police raid at such an uncertain hour of the morning.

A tense angry silence hangs over the city and one can feel the bitterness that is daily growing at the police show of force.

Meanwhile, despite these desperate measures, the message of the National Action Council is reaching the people. Many thousands of leaflets have been distributed throughout the townships and the factories. In the Indian areas alone over 50,000 leaflets have been distributed bearing a message from the President of the South African Indian Congress, Dr. G. M. Naicker, supporting the call of the African leaders for demonstrations at the end of May.

All efforts by the police to stop these distributions have failed.

Following daily raids on the offices of the Congress Alliance, the police last week raided the printers of the leaflets and not only confiscated 50,000 leaflets belonging to the National Action Council and SACTU, but even took away the type from the machine.

Despite this, the very next day cyclostyled leaflets were once more on the streets.

There is widespread support for the Non-Whites' struggle expressed by church leaders. Many church leaders, I learn, are prepared to have special prayer meetings on May 29 and 30.

On May 1, a highly successful meeting of workers celebrating May Day was held at the Bantu Social Centre and once again the people, who were informed of the meeting only on the day of the meeting turned up in large numbers. The hall was packed to capacity and roving choirs greeted speakers who referred to the decisions of the National Action Council.

PROGRESSIVES' MEETING

On the same evening 500 Africans walked out of a meeting of the Progressive Party after Mr. Zac de Heer, P.P. member of Parliament, failed to satisfy them on the Progressive Party's loaded franchise.

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Cape Town:

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Men, women and children took part in this demonstration in Masem, Basutoland, recently, singing freedom songs and demanding an end to imperialism and colonialism in all its forms.